Amendment to the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows.

On <u>Page 4</u> of the Specification, please amend the paragraph in lines 14 to 21 to read as follows:

On one of the two side parts of the support frame 3, a defect marking system 13 is furthermore disposed, specifically in the region between the carrying side 17 and the running side 18 of the conveyor belt 1 as shown in FIG. 1. Furthermore, the defect marking system is coupled with a control device 14. The defect marking system can place a marking (e.g. a paint spot) on the belt if an irregularity or serious damage is detected, making it possible to find the location on the belt again, quickly and easily. In addition, the radiation source 4 corresponds with the defect marking system 13.